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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of ::
Kouichi Miyamoto, et al. :: Confirmation No. 4304
Serial No. 09/647,833 :: Art Unit: 3761
Filed: October 5, 2000 :: Examiner: J. Stephens
For: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING REINFORCED EAR PANELS
P&G Case AA307F

RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

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In response to the Advisory Action of 09/10/02, please consider the enclosed RCE and the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 according to the clean version herewith submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3). In addition, as required by 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), this amendment is accompanied by a marked up version of the rewritten claim 1 to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the amended claim.

- b1 Sub C1*
1. (Amended twice) An absorbent article having a longitudinal center line and a lateral centerline, comprising:
(a) a containment assembly having a rear waist region, a crotch region, a front waist region, a pair of longitudinal edges, a body facing surface and a garment facing surface opposite to the body facing surface, the containment assembly comprising